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The dean of the <u>College of Arts and Sciences</u> at <u>Governors State University</u>, <u>Andrae Marak</u> is hitting the trail again to help students!



Dr. Marak will be running the Kat'cina Mosa 100K (62 miles) Mountain Run on August 7 to raise money to support College of Arts and Sciences' student scholarships and experiential learning opportunities.

The \$10,000 goal Marak has set would help students cover the cost of professional development or learning experiences they might not be able to afford, such as attending professional conferences or even participating in study abroad trips.

Despite having to largely pause experiential learning during the pandemic, the college kept available as many student-centered, hands-on experiences as possible to students—such as the ArtSci newsletter, art studios, and labs—while maintaining safety

protocols. These learning experiences are a pivotal part of the college experience for students, Marak said.

"By giving students the opportunity to engage in research, work alongside faculty members, and essentially 'get their hands dirty' in their fields of study, we're opening the door for students to learn in the most meaningful ways possible."

The Kat'cina Mosa Mountain Run will be the most difficult Marak has faced yet, as the 62 miles in the run are a difficult and scenic route through the Wasatch Mountains above Provo, Utah. Not only will be Marak be running on dirt trails, but he will be battling elevation as well.

This isn't the first time he has put his extreme hobby to work to help students at Governors State. Last year, <u>Marak ran the Shawnee Hills 100K (62 miles)</u> to raise money for the Student Emergency Fund which assists students in paying tuition during times of crisis.

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